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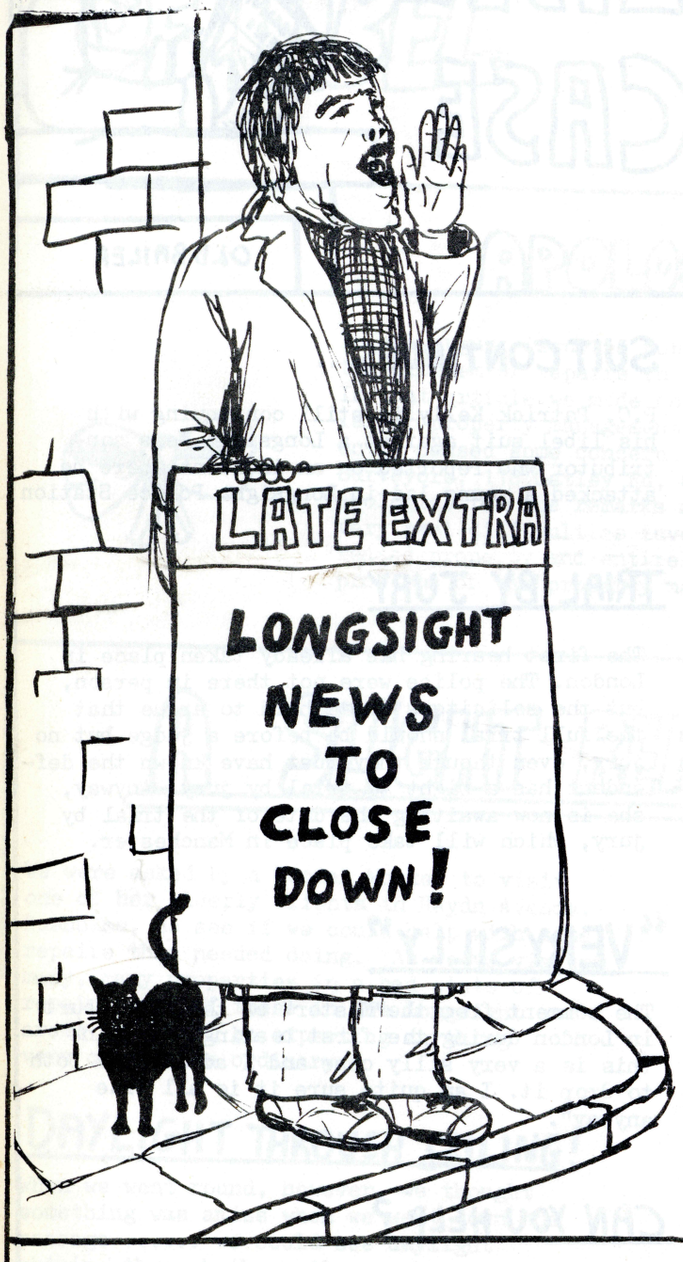

THE END OF LONGSIGHT NEWS.

THIS IS THE END OF LONGSIGHT NEWS "AS WE KNOW IT"! Not because of money troubles, but just because there are not enough people helping to produce it, and sell it.

-SALES-

Many readers may be unaware that Longsight News has been going for quite a few years now, as a purley voluntary, non-profit-making paper. It has no editor, no journalists, or paid workers. The 5p charged has not quite covered costs, but we have found help whenever we got into debt. Sales depended on a few shops who took it without taking any commission, and regular sellers who took anything from 5 to 200 copies a time to sell in their own streets, pubs, schools, and places of work.

-MEETINGS-

Those producing the paper have been mainly people connected with the Slade Lane Neighbourhood Centre, formerly Hamilton Rd Neighbourhood Centre. There was a list of about 25 community organizations and interested individuals in the Longsight area who were invited to come to monthly meetings to discuss the content and running of the paper and to write up their news and views.

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HELLO, HELLO, HELLO,

NF IN LONGSIGHT!

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THE END?

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The response has been good, so why has the paper got to fold. Firstly, the number of regular sellers has fallen. At our peak we sold 1750 copies a time, now it has fallen to around 1200. Secondly, most groups would only send in their stories after several phone calls and visits and with a few exceptions did not help by taking copies to sell, helping with production, or attend meetings.

OTHER COMMITTMENTS

The few people who have produced the paper are not as some people think "students" with lots of time on their hands, but people with their own jobs, families, and other committments. It has got to the point that this group, now reduced to 3, can no longer do all the work of getting stories in, notifying meetings, typing, production, folding, distributing to sellers, finding and encourageing new sellers, and getting the money in...

-THANKS-

We have enjoyed doing the paper and felt very encouraged by the great number of appreciative comments from readers. We would like to say a big THANKYOU to:
EVANS OF THE KINDER PRESS who did our printing until forced to stop by a Union ruling,
MOSS SIDE PRESS who have printed us since then, and
THE SELLERS who have been the mainstay of the paper's existence. Also
THE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE for the use of their phone& facilities without payment.

D.G. T.P. A.O.

HOPE FOR THE FUTURE?

HOPE FOR THE FUTURE?
If YOU feel Longsight News was worth it and it would be worth starting again, either under the same name or an entirely new paper, please write to the address below and as our final effort we will undertake to call a meeting of all who have responded.

LONGSIGHT NEWS
c/o 642 STOCKPORT RD
MANCHESTER 13.

LONGSIGHT NEWS LIBEL CASE

SUIT CONTINUES...

P.C. Patrick Kelly is still continuing with his libel suit against a Longsight News contributor who reported on an incident where he attacked a young lad in Longsight Police Station

TRIAL BY JURY

The first hearing has already taken place in London. The police were not there in person, but the solicitors tried hard to argue that the full trial should be before a judge but no jury, even though they must have known the defendant has a right to trial by jury. Anyway, she is now awaiting the date of the trial by jury, which will take place in Manchester.

"VERY SILLY"

The comment from the"Master" of the High Court in London during the first hearing? "I think this is a very silly case and I advise you both to drop it. I am quite sure it is all true anyway".

CAN YOU HELP?

All the necessary witnesses have now been contacted and made statements, however if anyone with knowledge of illegal goings on at Longsight Police Station would like to contact the Defence Group, they would be pleased to hear from you, with a view to getting more publicity.

DEFENCE GROUP:-

The address of the Longsight News Defence Group is c/o 109 OXFORD RD. Manchester.

PRINTERS WARNED OF LIBEL

Letter sent to Moss Side Press

4th July 1977

Dear Sirs,

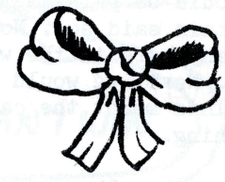
We act on behalf of Chesters, Surveyors and Estate Agents. An article in Longsight News (Issue no 15) called "Tenants Rights" has been brought to our attention and it is quite clear to us and, we have so advised our clients, that the statement about them is a libel for which yourselves, the newspaper proprietors and the author of the article are liable in damages We are instructed to inform you that if a full apology and withdrawal is published immediately our clients will consider not taking any further proceedings agaisnt you, but that if such an apology and withdrawal is not published then legal proceedings may be commenced claiming damages for libel without further notice.

Yours faithfully,

Hall, Brydon & Co, Solicitors.

APOLOGY.

In our August issue we published an article about the problem of repairs in private rented property. In that article we made certain criticisms of the larger property management companies. This apparently caused some concern to Chesters, Chartered Surveyors, 118 Gatley Rd, Gatley, and we hereby apologize for the remarks made. We realise the very real difficulties involved in managing older rented property and entirely sympathize with the problems of the property management companies.



A SLIGHT REPAIR PROBLEM?

We were asked by a Social Worker to visit one of her elderly clients in Haydn Avenue, Rusholme, to see if we could help with some repairs that needed doing. As we've visited many, many properties in a bad state of repair (lots of these in the Longsight area) we didn't go expecting anything very out of the ordinary.

DAYLIGHT THROUGH CEILING!

When we went round, however, we thought something was amiss when we went down the passage ..... we could see daylight shining through the ceiling, through the upstairs ceiling and through the missing slates in the roof!

NO HOT WATER...

Other problems include blocked or broken guttering, blocked waste-pipes and drains, rainwater flooding in, no hot water, loose or rotten window frames, fallen plaster, etc.,etc.

GAS MANTLES?

The property is very quaint, in a very old-fashioned sort of way; we say old-fashioned because of the gas mantles. Unfortunately, these were disconnected several years ago when the area was coverted to North Sea Gas ..... and the landlords never bothered to provide an electric lighting supply to replace them.

NO EXCUSE...

It is no excuse that the landlords or their agents did not know of the defects. The collector came every fortnight.

The landlord has a statutory duty to maintain his property in a good state of repair and should regularly inspect to check.

The landlords' agents are Chesters, 118 Gatley Road, Gatley, by the way.

Y.D.L. BOTHER.

TOMMY THOMPSONS TROUBLES

I was born in the Calton district of Glasgow on Trafalgar Day 1904, maybe that's why I went to sea, all my family before me had gone in the army. In my family's days when the army was less mechanized the soldier had to be tough, very to tough, they were of course very poorly paid. In those days each soldier was given a ½lb cob of bread daily, how they managed I'll never know because when I went to sea first I went to the galley each morning and was given a 1lb cob. It wasn't far from the galley to the mess room but before I got there my cob had gone.

We were always hungry. As an example of how we were fed, on Stores Day the crew gathered outside the chief stewards store, each man with his empty tins for his weekly whack of tea, sugar, butter and coffee and a small tin of condensed milk which had to last 3 weeks.

But before all that you had to sign on, that is sign the articles of agreement between you and the shipowner. The ship's master would read them out, the crux of the agreement was first, you could be kept out at sea for 2 years, second no money would be paid in those two years unless the captain said so.. No-one would be allowed ashore anywhere in the world unless the captain said so. Next, we would "Mutually assist" each other. This meant the captain could make us work for nothing.

Coal burning fireman on a heavy coal job such as the ship I have in mind, SS HARMATRIS, worked as hard as anyone in the world and it was always dangerous.

5 OLD PENCE AN HOUR!

The last thing I remeber the shipping master reading out was "And the firemen shall coal the galley". My pay for this soul destroying work was 5 old pennies an hour, but there were 3 jobs, 2 of which I did every day, for which I was paid nothing, coaling the galley was one.

Each man had a bucket in which he bathed and washed his work clothes twice a day, then he dumped the ashes of the watch below over the side, for this nothing was paid. We had 6 firemen and 2 trimmers on the ship and this is where the mutual assistance clause hit hardest, when any of them were laid up we had to work six on and six off instead of 4 and 8 and for this we were paid nothing, not even a spoonful of tea. The Captain was also poorly paid but he could make money out of us by using the no money in port business. This is how it was done: most ports had what were known as bumboatmen, that is traders who came aboard with things to sell

They would line up at the foot of the ladder leading to the captains quarters and the one who promised him the highest commission got the job. The bumboatman who got the job in Santa Lucia in the West Indies had six girls with him, it cost 3/- ready cash to go with one and if you didn't have 3/- you signed a chit for 5/-. I asked the bumboatman why and he said 3/- went t to the girl, 1/- to him and 1/- to the captain. That's how the captain made up his pay. The reader must bear in mind we all slept in one room so it was quite hilarious.

Another thing, in order to carry as much cargo as possible we took the minimum of fresh water, our only source of supply was a tap outs outside the galley, locked 18 hours in every 24. This was quite a hardship, especially in hot we weather. We had to supply our own bed, bedding, knife, fork, spoon, towel and soap. My bed was a straw mattress bought on Govan's road near Govan's Cross for 2/-. It was called a donkey's breakfast.

STARTED WORK AT THIRTEEN

One more item before I come ashore, the Seamens Union used a technicality to do me out of £150.

I started work when I was 13 and was a young man about 20 or 21 when I found myself on the dole. 1925 was a bad time to be unemployed, my father, a clever tradesman was on the dole too. Then, because of the Means Test - what evil mind thought of the Means Test? - I had to leave home. I found a place to stay and searched for work every day. When you signed on, when your turn came you were told to stay behind and be interrogated by Mr So and So. You sat on one side of the table, he at the other, then the interrogation began. Where did you look for work yesterday, where the day before, where 3 weeks ago yesterday and so on. It was a form of not very refined cruelty. One payday I was told they were not satisfied I had been looking for work and my dole was stopped. I suppose my interrogator had been plucked from the ranks of the unemployed and it was his job to find against so many or else he would very soon be answering the questions instead of asking them.

That was when I slept on Glasgow Green and contemplated suicide. The Clyde runs throught the Green and at that point is pretty clean - but at that point someone told me to go and take out an appeal form and take it to Councillor Carmichael. On one side of the form were a lot of questions but Cllr Carmichael took no notice of them and just wrote on the back "I consider this young man has been very unfarly treated." My dole money was restored at once.

As there was no work in Glasgow I got a travelling dole card and searched the North and South of Scotland for work, then England. Then I got on a ship and found myself doing what I'd always wanted, travelling. Having sailed fr from every port in this country I made up my my mind when I did finally come ashore, having four the people of Manchester very friendly and helpful I'd settle there.

Up until a short while ago nothing happened to alter that belief. I'm employed as a part time car park attendant at 55p an hour, one day a week. Some time ago I was handed a letter saying the City Council and the Unions had decided to try to find some unemployed person to take m job, thereby making me unemployed. I can't for the life of me work out how that would reduce the number of unemployed.

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I didn't think it was part of the Council's job to deny me the right to work. And the Unions? What Unions? Who, in the name of all that's holy, gave them the right to deny me the right to work?

I was clobbered when young, I was clobbered when I went to sea and clobbered when I left the sea and now I'm up in years I'm to be clobbered once more. I'm not sure but I think it was Shakespeare wrote something about Beggars on Horseback.

Thomas F. Thomson.

POSTSCRIPT TO TOM'S PIECE.
If the powers that be are really serious about bringing down the number of unemployed why donT they fix it so that no-one would work overtime and start now on something that will have to come, a six hour day for everyone, with a decent living wage for everyone, not just those who are members of the big unions.

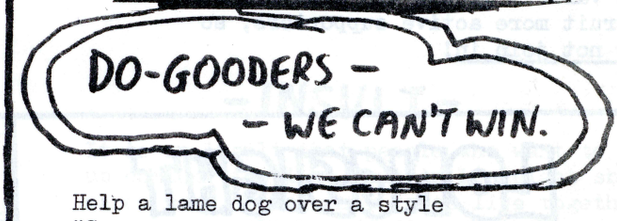
To try to bring down the number of workless by making me unemployed and putting someone in my place is to my mind trying to empty the Western Ocean with a teaspoon.
T F Thomson

Letter received from Transport & General Workers Union:
Mr T. Thomson - Car Parks Attendant
The Manchester City Council, in line with most other Local Authorities, received representations from all Trade Unions with Local Government interests to explore all possible moves t to reduce the local unemployment position. One of many views considered was that persons over normal retirement age should be considered for retirement from employment in order to provide places for persons at present unemployed. This policy has been confirmed by all Local Authorities in those jobs where replacements are practicable. It should be appreciated that this Trade Union has consistently led the field in endeavouring to improve the position of pensioners but we also have a responsibility to the unemployed. Mr Thomson is typical of many pensioners who have worked all their lives from (in some ca cases) 13 years of age. It is our view that they are entitled to live the rest of their lives in reasonable comfort by the provision of reasonable state pensions. While fully appreciating his personal feelings, it would be morally wrong for any Trade Union to encourage employment afte after normal retirement age under the present circumstances and particularly when the TUC policy is to encourage the government to reduce the normal age of retirement. It is not true to say that replacements can not be found in Car Parks employment in fact, this provides a regular opportunity to offer employment to physically disabled persons carrying the "Green Card" who would have little chance of obtaining work in other employment.
Yours Sincerely,
W Heywood pp. W. Jenkinson, District Secretary.

POETRY

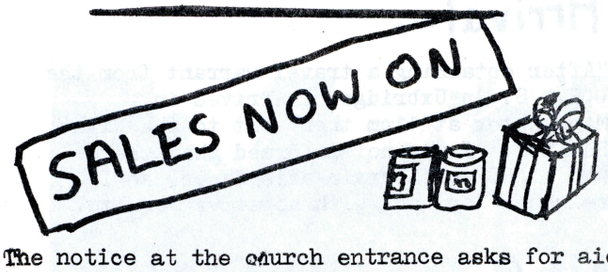
Two letters out of the alphabet
which speak with menace, written
in black and white.
The colour black is viewed with
contempt and hate.
White is glorified.
But the colour red is shared by
all beneath the skin,
And so are hopes and fears and pain.
This unites black and white.
Look beneath the skin of all shades
of colour,
Think of the life force it covers,
And the common brother and
sisterhood of all.

T.P.



Help a lame dog over a style
"Someone may think it worth the while"
But beware of others, they may say
"You're one of the do-gooders".
Find the homeless a place to lie,
Immediately you'll hear the critics cry
"Get rid of the do-gooders".
Unemployed, one parent families,
O.A.P's, the list is endless.
Don't dare to help the sick, the
friendless,
You'll be labelled a do-gooder.
It's really un believable
Perhaps we're wrong and should do-evil.

T.P.



The notice at the church entrance asks for aid
Saint Ann's Passage separates the Store
In the window are shoes for a hundred pounds
(quite cheap sir they're crocodile).
On the other side of the city a jumble sale
takes place
Fumbling hands of the aged seek the "bargains"
A shirt for ten pence, a pair of socks for five
Jumper, skirt, blouse, take your pick lady -
the lot for thirty
They're quite cheap and hardly worn"
A hundred pounds for a pair of shoes!!

T.P.

A FAREWELL...

Dear Longsight News,

I would like to take this opportunity, via your letters page, to thank all those people with whom I have worked during the last 3 years in Longsight in all of the various community groups which now exist.

Besides making a lot of friends I have also learnt a great deal both from and with many people too numerous to mention here.

I hope that the good work which all these people have done will continue and, if I can put in a plug for them, I know that all the various groups are always keen to recruit more active supporters, so why not join in!

HOPES

My particular hope is that, when the Longsight Community Association formed on the new estate obtains as it hopes to do, the Longsight Library on Haley Street as a community centre in the New Year, more people will come forward to both support and expand the activities of groups in that area.

NEW WORKER

It will be some time before a new worker is appointed and before s/he settles down in the job. I feel sure that this worker will get the same kind of co-operation and friendship from Longsight people as I have done. In the meantime if any group in the area wants some advice or support then Paul Edwards, a community worker friend of mine, will be able to help out. His phone number is 228 2111 Ext.200.

REGRET

The biggest regret which Jo and I have is that it seems likely that we will have to move out of the area to find another place to live. The only thing I can say for sure about it is that there won't be any Clorius 'meters' fitted in it!

All the best, Andy Wiggans.

LONGSIGHT CLAIMANTS UNION.

The following is a statement issued to the Longsight Claimants Union by Bill Burrows, residing at the Night Shelter in Harkness Street, Ardwick :-

Arrival...

"After obtaining a travel warrant from the D.H.S.S. in Uxbridge, I arrived in Manchester at 11pm then went to the Night Shelter. I was not informed that there was a DHSS officer in attendance, so I searched for work with negative results.

No fare...

Finally, I was forced to seek the assistance of the DHSS at Clarence Road where I was informed that I was not eligible for assistance because I had not signed on at the Department of Employment, and that I should make my way to the hostel in Walkden. I was not provided with the fares to get there.

Desparation...

I went, in desparation, to the Longsight Claimants Union, who phoned the DHSS but gained a negative response. It was a Bank Holiday weekend, so nothing more could be done until Tuesday 30th August. A visit to Walkden was unavoidable. The Longsight Claimants Union discovered that a travel warrant could be obtained from Francis Street Salvation Army. Why could the DHSS not have issued me with a warrant, or informed me of where one could be obtained? The Claimants Union also confirmed by phone that a vacancy existed at the Walkden reception centre. This, also, could have been done by the DHSS.

Unable to walk...

Finally, as by now I was unable to walk, due to the fact that my shoes were ill-fitting and I hadn't taken them off for three days, the Union provided me with some worn, but comfortable, shoes.

Why....?

Why is it that a group of claimants whose resources are very limited could help me, and a Government organisation - the DHSS - with a vast amount of resources available, could not do the job for which is was created? "

Signed: Bill Burrows.

NATIONAL FRONT IN LONGSIGHT!

SECRET MARCH DISRUPTS LONGSIGHT

On Saturday Oct 8th Longsight became a centre of attention for the whole country. The long threatened secret march of the National Front in Greater Manchester took place here.

RACIST SOLUTIONS

The National Front is an extreme right wing party, who are opposed to attempts by people of all races to get together to improve the conditions in this country. Instead they propose inhuman, divisive, and rascist solutions to the problems which we all face.

The same day many socialists and others who are opposed to the National Front's fascist ideas were out on the streets in Stockport and Hyde to testify their opposition to the ideas of Martin Webster the National Front leader. Due to a massive police presence and the good intentions and careful stewarding of all the demonstrations by the participants there were very few ugly incidents.

NO SWASTIKAS THIS TIME!

There was a lot of publicity for the National Front march and there had been a lot of opposition to the fascism which they propose. When they were in the limelight the Front members played down their rascist ideas, they did not shout any racialist slogans that could have led to people demanding their arrest under the Race Relations Acts. Nor did they have swastikas or get involved in any vicious assaults on people who disagreed with them. But this does not imply any change in their Nazi ideas.

Appeal for witnesses

About 30 people were arrested in Longsight on Oct 8th in connection with the National Front march. If you saw anyone being arrested, or being mistreated by the police please contact Cherry at the Law Centre, either by calling in at 595 Stockport Rd next to Tesco's, or ring 225 5111.

Photographs by "Split Image-Community Photography" who are now holding an exhibition at Grass Roots Bookshop, M/C 1

-INSULT-

It is an insult that people who want to break up communities like that in Longsight should march here. Here, many races live together and many people are finding that the ugly labels which can be attached to distant groups, Paki, Paddy, Red, Black, Queer are just not applicable when you get to know the people themselves. Whatever the colour of our skin, our accent or our political or sexual preferences we in Longsight have many things in common. We do not want to be told to blame each other for lack of jobs, rising prices, poor housing, long waiting lists, etc. The solution to all these things is not going to be easy but we can only try together to get better conditions for all of us and not let a few benefit at the expense of others.

PEOPLE WAITED TWO HOURS FOR BUSSES AND HAD TO DO WEEKEND SHOPPING AMID THE CHAOS!

BIRCH HOUSING CO-OP. LTD. LONGSIGHT.

AFTER THREE YEARS.....

3 years ago the Housing Action group in the Slade lane area saved all the houses which could be repaired. From this our housing co-op developed.

In September co-op members finished the decorating of our first house. So Jane moved into a fully improved house. She has been a member of our co-op for a time and the house was bought (with a loan from the government), the builders employed and the house done up. Jane now pays rent into the housing co-op funds.

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The co-op is for people who live or have connections with the local area. We can buy a tenants house from the landlord or buy an owners house or an empty house. Co-op members want to be tenants of a co-op house or flat and to enjoy improved living conditions by working together. As members we dont have to put money into the co-op as we get government grants which are repaid from our rent.

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THere is an incredible amount of "Red tape" to deal with for each house and the decorating and maintainence all take time. But our co-op takes an interrest in each house and, as Jane says: " We improve our houses in half the time it takes the corporation and we dont leave our houses standing empty." We also share responsibility for all repairs etc.

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The co-op members, who live in houses already bought by the co-op, or want the co-op to buy a house for them , have fortnightly meetings where all the co-op business is discussed. We also have an office in the Slade lane neighbourhood centre with files, phone etc. where the day to day running of the co-op takes place.

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We are aiming to buy about 8 houses a year at present; we already own 5.

We started our housing co-op because of the poor state of houses in this area. Forming a tenants co-op has enabled us to change this by getting grants to do up houses and as we now own them-control over our living conditions. We'd like to talk to people in other areas about setting up a co-op.

If you are interested contact:
Birch Housing Co-op,
9, Slade lane.
Tel: 224-6387.

ONE OF THE BIRCH CO-OP HOUSES BEING IMPROVED ON DUNCAN ROAD.

The newly formed ANSON TENANTS ASSOCIATION

Meetings held at The Church of Latter Day Saints Hall, Beresford Rd, Anson Estate, monthly each first Monday at 7pm.

The Association wish to announce that monies held over from the old Association have been handed to the "PAT SEED SCANNER FUND". The editor of the MANCHESTER EVENING NEWS acknowledged with thanks a donation of £51.50 for the above fund from the Anson Tenants Association.

Mrs Gent (Hon. Sec.)

COVERDALE SENIOR CITIZEN'S SOCIAL CLUB.

The Coverdate Senior Citizen's Social Club is now open and running at No.14 Buckingham House, Coverdale Crescent.
It's open from 10 am to 4 pm. The residents come in the mornings for tea and a chat, and in the afternoons for specific activities - whist, bingo, dominoes.
We hope soon to start music, sewing, hair-dressing, darts groups and if anyone has any equipment (it doesn't matter how old so long as it works) suitable for these particular groups, could they please contact Gill Marjoram either at Community Action (UMIST UNION - 236.9114), or at the Social Club itself at 14 Buckingham House.
All pensioners in the Coverdale Crescent area are welcome to come along to the Club.

MRS. GASKELL - AUTHORESS.

84 PLYMOUTH GROVE

The time is 1849 and a beautiful woman and her distinguished husband decided to make No.84 Plymouth Grove their home.
The surrounding area at that time was semi-rural, and not far away it was possible to shoot snipe.

PRESERVED FOR POSTERITY

Thus the authoress Mrs. Elizabeth Gaskell came to the house which still stands at the corner of Swinton Grove and Plymouth Grove. A plaque on the wall records the event of its historic significance. Had it been left to the City Council of the time, on the death of her last surviving daughter on the 26th Oct. 1913, this house would not have been preserved for posterity. There was intense opposition to saving the house by a Council who, as often happens today, puts "brass" before culture.

TRIBUTE TO HER MEMORY

However, a group of citizens anxious to show their respect and admiration for Mrs. Gaskell and to preserve the house where she lived for a number of years, contributed to a fund to buy the house as a tribute to her memory. It is now used as a hostel for overseas students by Manchester University.
Elizabeth Gaskell had married a Unitarian minister of Mosley Street Unitarian Chapel. Her husband William preached to wealthy employers of labour.

INTERIOR OF MRS GASKELLS HOUSE,

MANY THANKS TO M/c CENTRAL LIBRARY (HISTORY SEC)

LIFE IN KNUTSFORD

Born at Lindsey Row now part of Cheyne Walk, Chelsea, her mother died a month later and Elizabeth was sent to her aunt Mrs. Lumb at Knutsford. Her life at Knutsford influenced her to write 'Cranford' and it is obvious that Cranford, the name of the town in her book, was a substitute for Knutsford and the characters in that book were drawn from real life acquaintances with whom she came into contact during her stay in Knutsford.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Among the books she wrote was an autobiography of Charlotte Bronte, "Mary Barton" and "North and South"; it would be of interest to take two of them for comparison.

'GENTEEL POVERTY'

"Cranford" was about an inward looking society much given to petty gossop; narrow in its outlook. This was typical of the middle class of this time throughout England where there were many codes of behaviour which if anyone dared to break, they would be ostracised. Women of this class were denied the right to engage in work; this led to genteel poverty and hardship which they endeavoured to conceal from their "circle" by all kinds of subterfuges.
On the other hand "North and South" a novel about Manchester, given the fictional name of Milton-Northen, is totally opposite to "Cranford". The story embraces the hard times of the industrial revolution and its effects on the workers engaged in the cotton industry. These were indeed "The Dark Satanic Mills" sketched by Elizabeth Gaskell, with the love story of a woman of the "genteel" outlook of the "Cranford" ladies for a man of the "employers" class on which they looked down with distain.

T.P.

St. Chrysostom's Playscheme - O.K.

All over - a good time.

The St. Chrysostom's Playscheme is over for 1977. One of my best memories is of the last day, returning by bus from Southport. The youngest children sleeping, older children singing, and the parents involved whose lives had revolved around this scheme for many weeks, congratulating each other. It was all over, and no children lost, no fights, no personality clakshes amongst the helpers, and everyone had had a good time.

Wild West Show..

There were many good days, such as the Wild West Show in the park. This was preceded by a small street parade of wild west characters and excited children which attracted many people to the park. Thank you, Contact Theatre. Bus trips to Knowsley Safari Park and the Blue John Mines were sucessful and the Sports Day and the Fancy Dress competition were enjoyed by adults and children.

"Togetherness"

The good feelings generated throughout the scheme were probably due to the "togetherness" of the whole operation. The helpers were all from the neighbourhood and the kids all knew each other from school. The area community workers gave help and encouragement in the beginning but never swamped us or stifled our growing confidence that we could do this thing. The willingness of parents to give so much to the project was terrific and special thanks to a couple of dads who took their holidays in order to work on the scheme.

A memorable summer..

Summer activities are very important for children and we are grateful to Social Services for the grant that helped us provide a memorable summer for the children and probably just as memorable for the adults. See you in 1978 -

Gay Sussex
for St. Chrysostom's Playscheme Assoc.

Something for kids

Watching kids eat sweets makes my teeth cringe, but kids love sweets. Try this recipe. Its full of good things so you can feel quite virtuous making it, or even better, let the kids make it. It might keep them quiet for a while too. I don't have a name for this, so you'll have to make up your own. Ingredients should be available at the Eighth Day shop, Oxford Road, or the Longsight Co-operative Bakery on Hamilton Road. Eighth Day, by the way, has bulk honey and peanut butter so take your own container and get it cheaper than elsewhere.
If you can't get one of the dried ingredients you could probably make up the amo unt with the others.

Ingredients:

¼ lb. butter
½ cup honey
½ cup wheat germ
½ cup skim milk powder
½ cup unsalted peanuts (chopped)
½ cup coconut
½ cuplethicin meal
½ cup sultanas

Method:

Melt butter with honey and add the dry ingredients. Press into shallow dish and chill. Cut into small squares.

Note: This gets eaten so quickly, its generally best to double the quantity!

Play-Doh

Ingredients:

2 cups flour
1 cup salt
4 tablespoons cream of tartar
2 cups of water
2 tablespoons cooking oil
colour.

Method:

Place ingredients in saucepan. Turn on heat and stir until its so thick you can stir no more. Knead a bit. Give to kids.

Note: Some kids eat play dough! I suppose its no worse than a lot of things they eat but if you're worried you could make it healthier by using whole meal flour!

NOT FOR EATING!

CROWCROFT PARK PLAYSCHEME.

During the school holidays, a summer playscheme was held at Crowcroft Park primary school. The children were taken on various trips to places of interest including Southport, Trentham Gardens, and Tarleton Leisure Lakes.

EVENTS.

The children pursued their own interests during the week and a wide variety of sports was played. There was an art exhibition at Levenshulme Library. 10 children passed their cycling proficiency tests during the second week. Team games and matches were held against Cravensood Play Centre, Crumpsall, where the honours were shared.

PRIZES.

In these photos one can see the children particpating in races on the sports day held on the last afternoon. Prizes were presented for the winners of each race in each age group. Altogether there were 18 prize winners. This was made poss ible by the M/c Education Committee, especially the Community Education Branch.

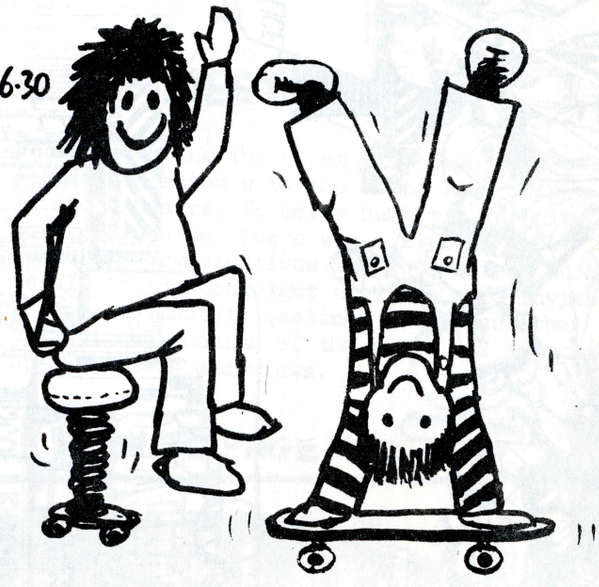
(ABOVE) WHEELBARROW RACE - one of the many events that took place in the park during the Playscheme.

LONGSIGHT PLAYSCHEME

NOW THAT THE SUMMER PLAYSCHEME HAS FINISHED, WE HAVE DECIDED TO CARRY ON WITH A FORM OF 'EVENING PLAYSCHEME.'

WE NOW GO SWIMMING ON WEDNESDAYS (10p) AT 6.30
ROLLER SKATING ON THURSDAYS (15p) AT 6.30
AND SUNDAY TRIPS (15p) AT 12.00.

WE HOPE TO HAVE LOTS OF EVENTS FOR HALF TERM INCLUDING HALLOWEEN AND BONFIRE NIGHT!



KIDS NEWSPAPER...

WE ARE TRYING TO START A KIDS NEWSPAPER IN LONGSIGHT. ANY KIDS INTERESTED IN RUNNING IT, PRINTING IT, DISTRIBUTING IT, AND MOST OF ALL WRITING AND DRAWING THINGS FOR IT, WILL BE WELCOME.

P.S. ANYBODY WHO WANTS TO HELP WITH THE PLAYSCHEME, OR ANYBODY WHO NEEDS MORE INFORMATION, SEE MIKE, 19 DUNCAN ROAD ANYTIME.

IS THIS THE FUTURE OF LONGSIGHT?

AFTER THOSE DISGUSTING SCENES IN LONGSIGHT ON OCTOBER 8TH, CAN WE BE SURE THAT IT WILL NOT GET WORSE?

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SHOULD THE POLICE HAVE GIVEN LONGSIGHT ENOUGH WARNING?

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HOW CAN WE BE SURE THAT IT WILL NOT HAPPEN AGAIN?

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FIGHT RACIALISM TODAY

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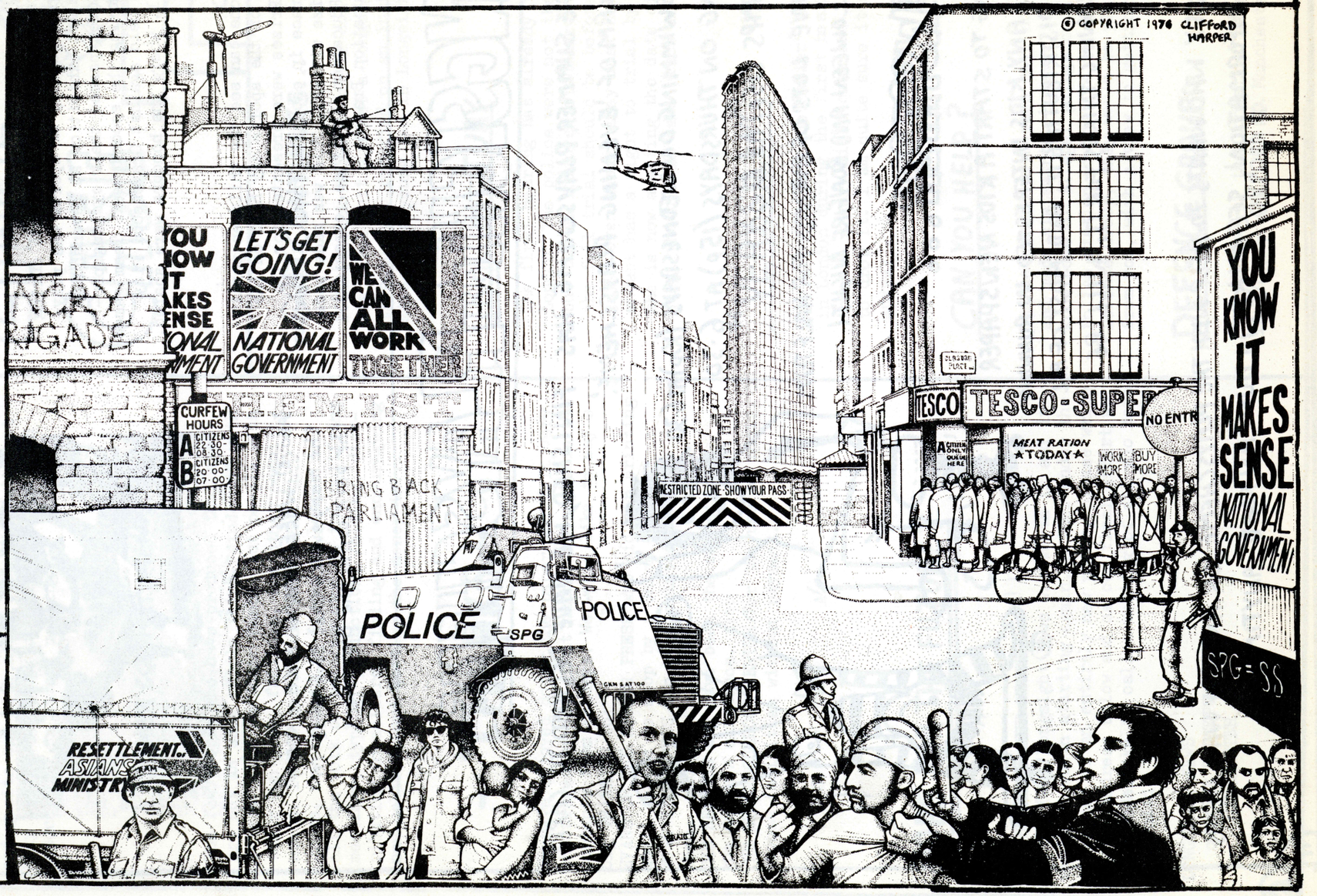
THEY ARE AVAILABLE FROM GRASS ROOTS BOOKS. (OXFORD RD AND PICCADILLY)